



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
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Mrs. Helen Stathatos

Mr. Frank S. Bacio
Mr. Vito Cannella
Mr. James Cragin
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore
Mr. Michael A. Russell

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 5, 2004

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Montano at 10:08 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairperson Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE - ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairperson Eleanor R. Montano
Vice Chairperson Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
John Hammargren
Carl Moore
Michael Russell

Absence

James Cragin
Vito Cannella

Others Present

B. Eugene Romig, Executive Office
Sherry Scates, Staff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2004

On motion of Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Hammargren and unanimously carried, the minutes of April 28, 2004 were approved with the following additions/corrections:

- **Page 2, Facility/Group Inspection Reports, Citrus Branch Court, 5th sentence should read:** ...(next door to the West Covina Police Department entrance).

- **Page 3, 2nd paragraph, 2nd sentence should read:** ...was underway. *Chairperson Montano suggested that they install color monitors for ease in identifying subjects on monitors* and Commissioners pointed...
- **Page 4:** delete last paragraph

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Montano thanked Commissioners Moore and Hammargren for their assistance relating to their site visit Tuesday. She also thanked Commissioner Russell for furnishing the refreshments for the last few Commission meetings.

Commissioners Montano and Hammargren attended the County's *Commissioner Orientation* on April 29th and felt it offered valuable information about the County. Commissioner Hammargren suggested that more in-depth information be added to the presentation regarding the magnitude and scope of the County and how its budget relates to that of the State's.

Commissioner Russell noted that Chairperson Montano was doing an outstanding job as the Commission's Chairperson and that she has been a very motivating example for him.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

Vice Chairperson Stathatos reported that a recent newsletter from The Jeffrey Foundation noted that they held a memorial tribute to Sybil Brand on Sunday, March 14th, which was attended by more than 150 people.

FACILITY/GROUP INSPECTION REPORTS

Alhambra Court

Commissioners Stathatos and Cannella visited this facility at 150 W. Commonwealth on May 5th. The Officer in Charge was Sr. Deputy Luna and they were escorted by Deputy Ruiz. The facility was clean and well maintained with an **overall rating of satisfactory** with no areas of concern.

Shamrock Cottage #2

Commissioner Stathatos and Cannella visited this facility at 16236 Binney Street in Hacienda Heights on April 29th. The Executive Director was Antoinette Sunday and they were escorted by Mildred Flous. The facility was

clean and well maintained with an **overall rating of satisfactory** with no areas of concern.

Whittier Court

Commissioner Moore visited this facility at 7333 Painter on May 4th and the Officer in Charge was Lt. Joe Garcia and he was escorted by Sgt. George Martinez. The facility was clean and well maintained with an **overall rating of satisfactory**. Area of concern: staffing of deputies was short, but positions were filled with overtime staff from patrol.

Counseling & Research Associate – Penn House

Commissioner Montano visited this facility at 23610 Pennsylvania Avenue in Torrance on May 4th. This is the third time Commissioners have visited this facility and found no one at home. Commissioner Montano left a business card with a request for the manager to call her.

Carson Sheriff's Station

Commissioners Russell and Bacio visited this facility at 21356 Avalon Avenue on May 4th. The Officer in Charge was Sgt. Dale Johnson and they were escorted by Makeba Thomas. The facility was clean and well maintained with an **overall rating of satisfactory** with no areas of concern. Two new breathing apparatus suits were hanging just outside of the lock-up and were readily available to deputies. This station has recently begun a "Matron Program" that utilizes female County employees as jail matrons on an overtime basis, which frees up deputies for other duties and is a medical benefits cost savings for the County.

Commissioner Bacio noted that reflective tape in various colors was used around doors and windows with coordinating color coded keys.

Commissioners Hammargren and Moore suggested that this system be used at all Sheriff's stations, courts and group homes and should be brought to Sheriff Baca's attention at the Commission's July 21st business meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff member B. Eugene Romig advised that the Commission's new combination copier/fax machine had been installed in the Commissioners' office. Mr. Romig also advised that the head of the Vocational Department of Hacienda-La Puente School District is awaiting authorization from the Sheriff's Department to use inmates to paint the Commission office. Commissioners expressed their thanks for Mr. Romig's efforts to renovate the

Commission office and noted their approval for his rearrangement of the meeting area. Mr. Romig further advised that the items he has been collecting for display at the County's memorial birthday tribute to Mrs. Brand on May 12th were available in the front office for Commissioners' review.

The start time of the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting of May 12th will be moved to 12:00 noon due to the Sybil Brand Memorial Birthday Celebration, which will begin at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING)

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Scates/Dedie Ward
Staff, Commission Services